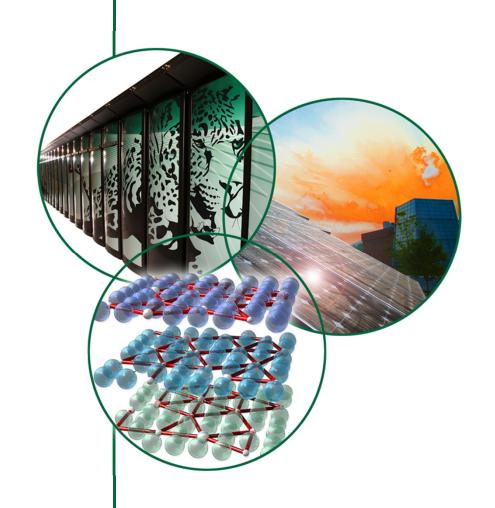
Demonstration and Testing of ClimaStat® for Improved Rooftop Air-Conditioning Efficiency

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#### Demonstration/Testing of ClimaStat® for Improved Efficiency of RTU Air Conditioners

- Technology from Advantek Consulting
  - Patented by Dr. Michael West in 2003. (US Patent #6427454)
  - Originally demonstrated under DOE's Inventions & Innovations program.
- Current demonstration sponsored by DOD's ESTCP program
- Uses off-the-shelf components to either...
  - Modify existing packaged air conditioners, or
  - Incorporate changes into new RTU equipment before installation
- Initial tests show 15% improvement in HVAC efficiency.
- Results obtained by by both...
  - Increasing quality of liquid refrigerant in evaporator coil, and
  - Modulating quantity of bypass air to more effectively control latent cooling
- Currently being demonstrated at...
  - Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, SC. Retrofit of ClimaStat® to existing unitary A/C units.
  - Patrick Air Force Base, FL. ClimaStat<sup>®</sup> installed in new unitary packaged A/C unit.

# Demonstration/Testing of ClimaStat® for Technology/Methodology Description

- Energy efficiency is increased by improving heat transfer coefficient and reducing compressor specific power.
  - ClimaStat<sup>®</sup> has high-quality cold liquid refrigerant flowing through the entire cooling coil, so the maximum coil / tube surface is always utilized for cooling.
  - In comparison, about one-third of a standard cooling coil contains vapor refrigerant.
- Energy use is reduced by optimizing sensible cooling capacity relative to electric power consumption over the cooling season.
  - ClimaStat® responds to varying latent (humidity) loads in addition to conventional sensible (temperature) load control.
  - A bypass damper allows air velocity over the cooling coil to decrease when dehumidification is needed. The re-combined air stream (bypass plus super-cooled air) is better suited to address high latent loads within the space.
  - In comparison, current unitary equipment cannot vary the proportion of sensible and latent cooling; latent loads "float" and only sensible load is controlled.
- ClimaStat<sup>®</sup> uses relatively simple, readily-available parts adapted from the food and industrial refrigeration industry.
  - Proven, reliable, familiar, easily maintainable, and low cost.

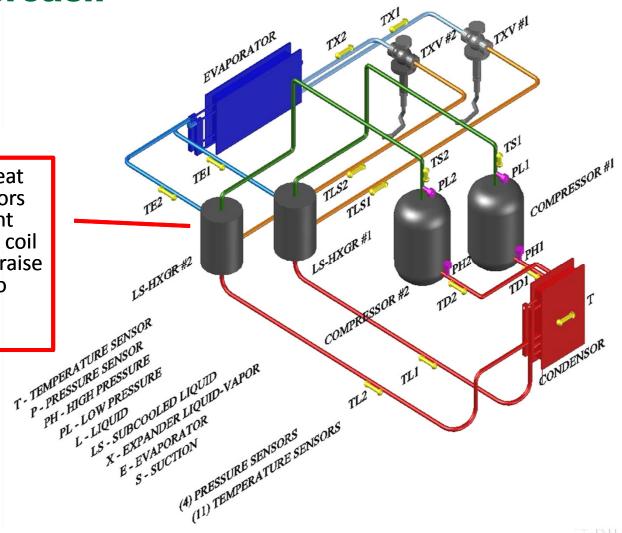


# Demonstration/Testing of ClimaStat® Refrigerant Loop, Schematic Diagram

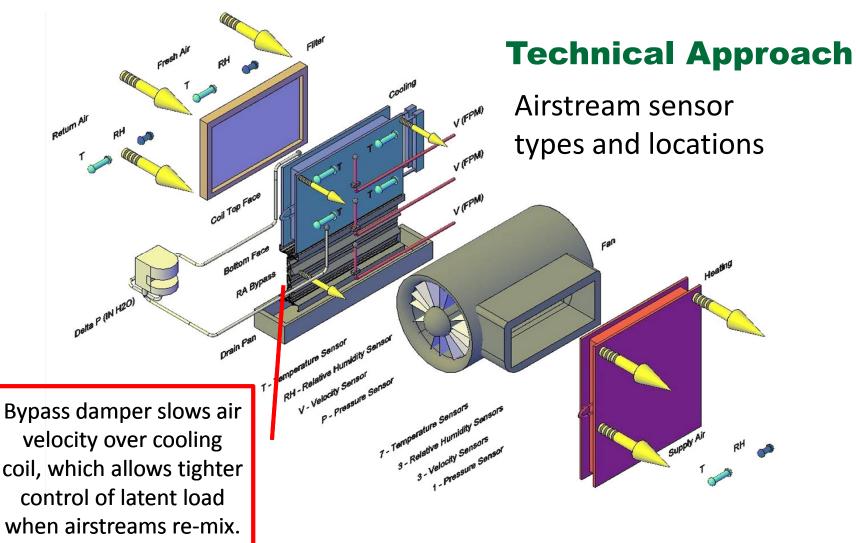
**Technical Approach** 

Refrigeration-side sensor types and locations

These liquid/suction heat exchangers/accumulators lower liquid refrigerant temperature to improve coil performance. They also raise vapor temperature to prevent slugging of compressors.



# Demonstration/Testing of ClimaStat® Airflow Path, Schematic Diagram





# Demonstration/Testing of ClimaStat® Site #1, MCAS Beaufort, SC (ESTCP)

**MCAS Beaufort** is a 6900-acre installation located 3 miles north of Beaufort, SC.





- MCAS Building 1283, the Base Exchange facility
- Mr. Neil Tisdale, CEM, Maintenance/Utilities Director
- 11 unitary air conditioning units located on the roof

MCAS Public Works staff identified RTU-2, a 20-ton Trane unitary A/C unit manufactured in 2003, as the best candidate for ClimaStat retrofit.

Building 1283 is connected to a base-wide direct digital control (DDC) network, which monitors operational status of RTU-2.



### Demonstration/Testing of ClimaStat® Site #2, Cape Canaveral AFS, FL (ESTCP)

Cape Canaveral Air Force Station is attached to Patrick Air Force
Base, a 21,500-acre installation about 50 miles east of Orlando, FL and is located with NASA Kennedy Space Center (KSC) and Naval Ordinance Test Unit (NOTU).





A Trane model TCH090 7½-ton air-conditioning package unit manufactured 5/1999 at NOTU Building 1115, Hangar Y, EDL was selected for replacement.

It was replaced with a Carrier model 50HC-D009 8½-ton two-stage unit and a ClimaStat control thermostat-humidistat.

- Chris Cook, CEM, Resource Efficiency Manager
- Kevin Riley, PE, CEM, Energy Manager

Coordinated demonstration approval with PAFB, CCAFS, and NOTU facility engineering personnel.



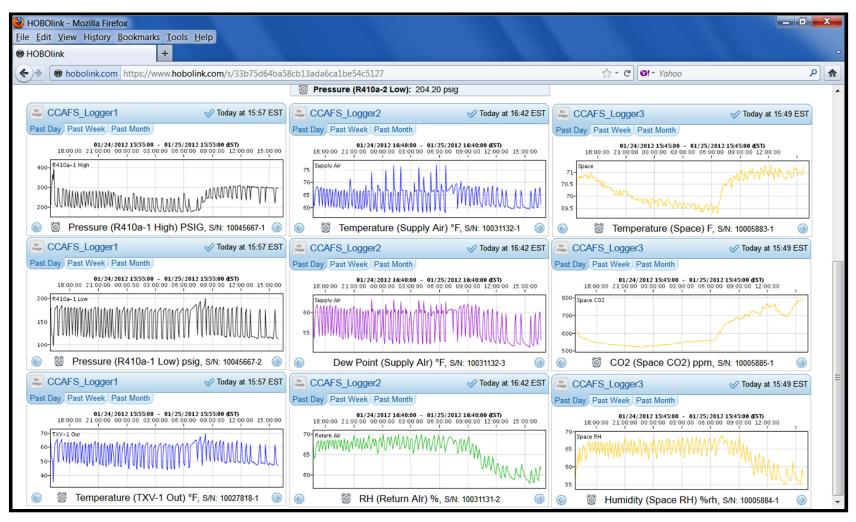
### Demonstration/Testing of ClimaStat® Site #2, Cape Canaveral AFS, FL (ESTCP)

Interior zone is a tightly controlled instrument development laboratory ±1 degree-F, ±5% rh





# Demonstration/Testing of ClimaStat® Sample of Remote M&V Capabilities





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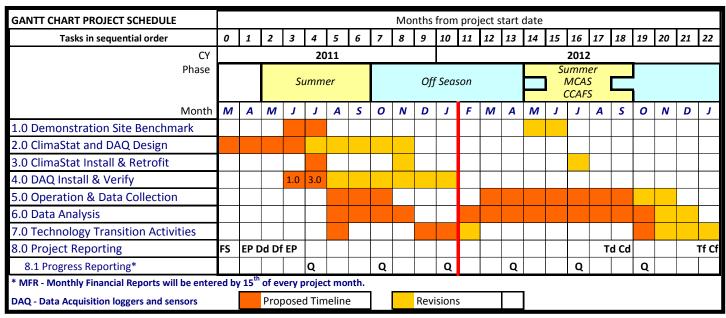
### **Demonstration/Testing of ClimaStat® Technology Transfer Plan**

Target Audience	Planned Tech Transfer Tool	Status of Implementation
Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs)	Present performance data from ESTCP demonstration to OEM Product Managers	Contacts made to inform of demos, Carrier Corp. provided unit for Cape Canaveral AFS.
DoD End-Users	Workshop at demo site; speaker at GovEnergy 2012 Conference; 2012 ESTCP Symposium	Pending cooling season data collection & analysis, GovEnergy speaker request
DOE/FEMP Program	Coordinate w/High Performance RTU Challenge and ORNL, submit unit for testing	DOE & National Lab contacts made
Commercial End-Users	Trade show presentation & exhibit, magazine article	Identifying most interested end users and events
HVAC Design Professionals	Journal articles, webinar on ClimaStat demos, ASHRAE, LEED	Pending data collection & analysis



# Demonstration/Testing of ClimaStat® Proposed Upcoming Events

- Monitoring of test sites during Summer 2012
- Proposed presentation at GovEnergy, August 2012
- Working with ORNL/FEMP and High Performance RTU Challenge
- Seeking other DOD and commercial sites for possible deployment





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